

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7814

Petition of Town of Stowe Electric Department requesting )  
authorization, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, for the )  
purchase of electricity from NextEra Energy Seabrook, )  
LLC from 2015 through 2034 )

Order entered: 12/15/2011

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM AND SCHEDULING ORDER**

On November 14, 2011, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") received a petition from the Town of Stowe Electric Department ("Stowe") requesting authorization, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, for the purchase of electricity from NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC. Included with the petition were a Motion for Approval of Protective Agreement, in which Stowe seeks a protective order governing allegedly confidential documents and information that may be requested in the discovery process, and a Motion for Confidential Treatment of Prefiled Evidence, in which Stowe requests an order providing confidential treatment of certain prefiled testimony and exhibits.

I convened a prehearing conference on December 6, 2011. Appearances were entered by Louise Porter, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"), and Jeremy D. Hoff, Esq., Stackpole & French Law Offices, for Stowe.

At the prehearing conference, the parties agreed to the following schedule, which I adopted:

Responses to Stowe's Motion for Confidential Treatment of Prefiled Evidence	December 9, 2011
Public Hearing <sup>1</sup>	December 21, 2011

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1. At the prehearing conference the parties discussed possible dates for the public hearing of December 21 and 22, 2011. The December 21 date has now been confirmed with the Board's Clerk.

Discovery Served on Stowe <sup>2</sup>	Through December 21, 2011
Deadline for Intervention Motions Responses due within two business days	December 22, 2011
Stowe Responses to Discovery	January 3, 2012
Non-petitioners' Prefiled Direct Testimony and Exhibits	January 6, 2012
Parties File Stipulation and Joint Proposal for Decision	January 9, 2012
Technical Hearing (tentative)	January 13, 2012
Modifications to Joint Proposal for Decision (if any)	January 17, 2012
Target Date for PSB Order	January 20, 2012

At the prehearing conference, I asked Stowe to file supplemental testimony addressing the criteria of 30 V.S.A. §§ 248(b)(3) and (b)(6), which Stowe agreed to do. Stowe also indicated that it would be filing a request with the Department for the Department's determination under 30 V.S.A. § 202(f).

Finally, the parties are required to provide an electronic copy of all testimony, motions and responses, and briefs (e-mail submission is acceptable), in addition to hard copies. If the electronic filings are submitted in .pdf format, they must be submitted in a form that permits the Board and other parties to search the document and extract text.

**SO ORDERED.**

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2. The parties also agreed to engage in informal discovery.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

s/Kurt Janson

Kurt Janson, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

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FILED: December 15, 2011

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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